

Bedford Youth and Family Services Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

AMENDED

Attendance: Sue Baldauf, Director; Tom Pinney, Chair, at large; Caroline Fedele, Selectmen and Recreation Commission; Caroline Donnelly, Board of Health; Peter Ricci, at large; Dan Brosgol, School Committee; Ali Malkin, at large; Jeff Wardwell, Police; Terry Jordan, Hanscom; **Marcia Morgan, at large.**

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm with Chair Tom Pinney presiding and introductions.

Minutes: Minutes from January 14, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Grants update:

Sue reported no current grant issues. Mental Health grant has finished, and Carla was trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid. BYFS is planning to offer both Adult and Youth Mental Health training to Medical Reserve Corp. and others in the community.

Veterans Update: Sue is still waiting on a decision by DVS related to Ch. 115 reimbursement for eligible Bedford Green residents.

Transitional Families Update: Sue reported that six transitional families remain in Bedford and it is expected that all will move on by the end of the month.

Programming: BYFS is working on programming to address opioid issues in Bedford. Two deaths from opioid use have been reported; the victims were in their late 20's. More information about programming will be coming. Alcohol awareness month is April.

FY17 Budget Process: Sue reported that the Finance Committee approved the BYFS FY17 budget.

Other: Park and Pedal Program to start in April. Safe Routes to School hearing was well-attended February 11th.

New Business:

Survey Results: Sue passed out a summary of the recent resident survey on services though explained that the sample was small and should not be considered statistically significant.

Other: The BYFS Spring Newsletter was presented. Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be conducted beginning of April at both JGMS and BHS. Opportunity exists for committee members to review the surveys April 6 and 7 prior to submission to the survey company. Sue also presented the "Parenting Wisely" leaflet and asked for input about the value of purchasing this on-line program.

Updates from Committee Participants:

Selectmen and Recreation Commission-Caroline Fedele

- Caroline reminded the committee of the upcoming Town meeting and elections. There are a few Articles to amend the Zoning Bylaw on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. A supplemental transit pilot program is being proposed to assist residents in getting around town. She asked folks to read through the warrant they receive in the mail and come to ATM.

- There have been changes to Springs Brook Park membership for the Summer of 2016. The park will now be open to Bedford residents or Members only. Bedford residents can join as Members or continue to come as walk-ins. Bedford residents can also bring guests. Non-residents are welcome to join as Members. Many amenities have been added, as well as playground additions.

Board of Health-Caroline Donnelly

- The Board of Health approved a Keeping of Animals permit to the Lane Elementary School. A new science program will instruct students on chickens, as well as their eggs. However, more information is needed before the eggs can be distributed to residents.
- Health Director Heidi Porter published an article in the Bedford Byline on Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), which are located in various town schools and buildings.

Hanscom - Terry Jordan

- Terry reported on the White Ribbon Day event at the State House in March on gender-based violence

School Committee-Dan Brosgol

- The principal of Bedford High School, Henry Turner, will leave Bedford Public Schools this summer. Superintendent Sills is staying on.
- Renovations of Lane School are being planned with a 2017 timeframe.
- The number on students of future kindergarten classes is being estimated in order to adjust school development.
- The 2016-2017 school year will begin after Labor Day.
- School start times are being examined.

Police – Jeff Wardwell

- All schools, except Davis, conducted Alice drills.
- May 31 is the date set for the Senior Prom and Prom Stroll.

At large - Ali Malkin

- Ali discussed the need for programs to address dating violence. She reported on the One Love Foundation's work.

At large – Peter Ricci

- Peter brought up for discussion decriminalizing underage drinking in Massachusetts. Duxbury was planning to vote to do this and make it a civil fine. He thought this could be an interesting and relevant subject in the future for BYFS. There are several theories of how it might be a possible better deterrent to underage use while concerns exist about it being less of one based on the example of marijuana .

Chair, At large – Tom Pinney

- BCAT has asked for one or two committee members to be filmed talking about volunteering for BYFS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Next meeting is on 5/12/16 at 7:00 pm. Chair: Tom Pinney Clerk: Jeff Wardwell, Police

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Donnelly
Acting Clerk